THE SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, the 5th March 1930.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 11-30 of the clock, the Dewan presiding.

DEWAN: Gentlemen, before we begin the work for the day, I would draw your attention to a rule allotting the time for each representation as fifteen minutes. It is not a new rule. I am mentioning this for the benefit of those among you who might be new members of the Assembly. You will all agree that that is a desirable rule to be observed; because there are so many of you who have come from different parts of the country at very great inconvenience to yourselves and at very great sacrifice, perhaps, of your buiness interests, each one would be waiting to finish his representation as early as possible. I would, therefore, suggest, at the very beginning, that members making representations should, as far as possible, observe the rule.

The procedure we shall follow is this. The Chief Secretary will call out the name of a member and that member will then please make his representation.

The consideration of the subjects according to the list distributed among the members on the previous day was then taken up.

1. Finance.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon taluk, Group II*) requested the Dewan to convey to Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent the congratulations of the Assembly on the conferment of the title of C. I. on Her Highness by His Majesty the King Emperor and also their gratification in entertaining Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Irwin during their recent visit to Travancore. He also expressed his sense of pleasure in being able to make his representation before a Travancorean Dewan.

Passing on to his subject, he first spoke about the delay in filling up vacancies in the several departments and in deciding administrative questions and the consequent hardship and difficulties the people were put to. As an instance in point, he referred to the belated appointment of the Stationary Magistrate at Quilon.

The opening Address of the Dewan did not make mention of several important subjects such as the reform of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the creation of an Executive Council, the change of the existing system of education, revision of the terms of the Interportal Trade Convention and economic development. The State was having a surplus budget year by year. A mere surplus and its investment in foreign

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly